

## Agenda Item # 8.



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TO: Board Members

FROM: Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.  
*Executive Officer*

SUBJECT: **Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs**

The following is a summary of actions taken by the Executive Officer for vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs.

#### **Effective December 8, 2008:**

#### **1. ABC Educators Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Susan Yowell, Redlands, San Bernardino County, Private)**

The ABC Educators Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a part-time class of 15 students three (3) times each year commencing March 16, 2009. Currently, the program is approved to admit a part-time class of 15 students each June and September, only.

ABC Educators Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part-time class of 15 students three (3) times each year commencing March 16, 2009, to replace graduating students only was approved.

#### **2. Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request to Increase Class Size, Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Minnie Douglas, Southgate, Los Angeles County)**

The director of the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program requests to admit a full-time class of 45 students on January 26, 2009 with a completion date of January 10, 2010, to replace students graduating December 14, 2008, thereby increasing class size and frequency of admissions from twice a year to three times a year.

The Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 45 students starting January 26, 2009, with a projected completion of January 10, 2010, was approved. This class would replace students graduating

December 14, 2008. In addition, ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, was approved with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's pattern of admissions is three full-time classes per year with 45 students per class.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**3. Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Replace a Class; and Increase Frequency of Admissions (Director: Lena Resurreccion, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The director of the Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to replace students who graduated on September 5, 2008, with a part-time class of 36 students on January 5, 2009, with a projected graduation date of August 31, 2010. Additionally, the director requests to admit 36 students into a second part-time class starting April 6, 2009, with a projected graduation date of November 30, 2010.

The Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part-time class of 36 students beginning January 5, 2009, only, to replace students graduating on September 5, 2008, with a projected graduation date of August 31, 2010, was approved. The program's request to admit a second part-time class of 36 students beginning April 6, 2009, only, with a projected graduation date of November 30, 2010, was also approved.

**4. Antelope Valley Medical College Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions; and Request to Change Pattern of Admissions (Director: Elvie Ancheta, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The director of the Antelope Valley Medical College Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to increase the frequency of admissions, admitting a part-time class of 30 students on December 18, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of May 16, 2010. The effect of approval of this request will be to change the admissions pattern to three (3) full-time classes of 30 students per year, and one (1) part-time class of 30 students every 16 months, to replace graduating classes.

The Antelope Valley Medical College Vocational Nursing Program's request to increase the frequency of admissions by adding a part-time class of 30 students on December 18, 2008, with an anticipated graduation date of May 16, 2010, was approved. In addition, the program's request for ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, was approved with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes

admission of three full-time classes of 30 students per year, and one part-time class of 30 students every 16 months.

- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**5. Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, (formerly Clarita Career College) Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Nancy Lee Siwula, Canyon Country, Los Angeles County, Private)**

Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, (formerly Clarita Career College) Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing March 9, 2009, and graduating May 22, 2010.

The Charter College, Canyon Country Campus Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students to commence March 9, 2009, only, graduating May 22, 2010, was approved.

**6. Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Judith Shenin, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Private)**

In October 2008, Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, Vocational Nursing Program's continued full accreditation for the four-year period from February 3, 2009, through February 2, 2013, was approved and a certificate issued accordingly.

**7. Concorde Career College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Michelle Welch, San Diego, San Diego County, Private).**

In October 2008, Concorde Career College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program completed a Program Records Survey. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Concorde Career College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program's continued full accreditation for the four-year period from February 3, 2009, through February 2, 2013, was approved and a certificate was issued accordingly.

**8. CSI Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Class Size; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Jennifer Cannon, Vacaville, Solano County, Private)**

The CSI Career College Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to increase the size of its evening class. Specifically, the program requested approval to increase the number of admissions per class from 30 to 45. Additionally, the program requested ongoing admissions in its evening classes.

The CSI Career College Vocational Nursing Program's request to increase the size of its 17-month evening class from 30 to 45 students was denied. Also, the program's request for ongoing admissions in its evening classes was denied. The program must have prior Board approval to admit evening classes.

**9. Homestead Schools, Inc.-Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request to Increase Class Size; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Alfie Ignacio, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The director of Homestead Schools, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit 30 students into a full-time evening class starting on January 5, 2009, to replace students who will graduate on December 19, 2008, thereby increasing class size from 15 to 30 students. The proposed class will graduate on December 18, 2009. The director also requested ongoing admissions of one full-time (50 week) evening class of 30 students to start in January, April, July and October; one full-time day class of 15 students to start April, July and October and one part-time (81 week) weekend day class of 15 students in April, July and October, thereby increasing frequency of admissions.

The Homestead Schools, Inc. Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time evening class starting on January 5, 2009, to replace students who will graduate on December 19, 2008, was approved, thereby increasing class size from 15 to 30 students. The proposed class will graduate on December 18, 2009. Also, ongoing admissions for the program's graduating classes, only, were approved with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's proposed pattern of admissions includes one full-time (50 week) evening class of 30 students to start in January, April, July and October each year; one full-time (50 week) day class of 30 students to start April, July and October each year; and one part-time (81 week) weekend day class of 15 students to start in April and July each year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**10. Integrity College of Health Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Marion Bea Martin, Alta Dena, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The director of the Integrity College of Health Vocational Nursing Program requested BVNPT approval to admit three additional part-time classes with 30 students in each class on January 7, 2009, graduating February 26, 2010; on May 31, 2009, graduating July 23, 2010, to replace students graduating on May 23, 2009, and on September 27, 2009, graduating November 21, 2010, to replace students graduating on September 23, 2009. Additionally, the director requested ongoing admissions for three classes with 30 students in each class per calendar year.

The Integrity College of Health Vocational Nursing Program's requests to 1) admit a part-time class of 30 students to start on January 7, 2009, only; 2) admit a part-time class of 30 students to start on May 31, 2009, only, to replace the students graduating on May 23, 2009; 3) admit a part-time class of 30 students to start on September 27, 2009, only, to replace the students graduating on September 23, 2009; and 4) have ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, were approved. Ongoing admissions may occur with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes three classes with 30 students in each class per calendar year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

**11. Kaplan College, North Hollywood, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Faye Silverman, North Hollywood, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Kaplan College, North Hollywood, Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a full-time class of 30 students on February 23, 2009. The Program also requested approval for the admission of a full-time class of 30 students on June 22, 2009. Additionally, the program requests approval for ongoing admissions in February, June and October of each year.

Kaplan College, North Hollywood, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students on February 23, 2009, and a full-time class of 30 students on June 22, 2009, was approved. The program's request for ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes was denied.

**12. NCP College of Nursing, Hayward, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Enrollment (Director: Julie Pells, Hayward, Alameda County, Private)**

The NCP College of Nursing, Hayward, Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to increase the enrollment to 45 students per class. Currently, the program is approved to offer ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes only into its full-time class with a maximum enrollment of 30 students per class. Additionally, the program offers a part-time class with a maximum enrollment of 30 students per class.

The NCP College of Nursing, Hayward, Vocational Nursing Program's request to increase the maximum enrollment per full-time class from 30 to 45 students to replace graduating students only was approved. The program's request to increase the maximum enrollment per part-time class from 30 to 45 students to replace graduating students only, was approved.

**13. North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions; and Increase Pattern of Admissions (Director: Adnan AIMouazzen, West Covina, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The director of the North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit 30 students into a full-time class beginning on January 19, 2009. The projected graduation date is March 23, 2010. The effect of approval of this request would be a change in pattern of admissions to three (3) full-time classes per year, to replace graduating classes.

The North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students to a class commencing January 19, 2009, with an anticipated graduation date of March 23, 2010, was denied. The program's request for a change in its ongoing admissions pattern was denied. The ongoing admissions pattern of two classes every 10 months, to replace graduating classes, only, remains in effect for the North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes two full-time classes with admission of 45 students every 10 months.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities are available to support each admitted class of students.

**14. Santa Barbara Business College, Palm Desert – Request to Begin a Vocational Nursing Program (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Palm Desert, Riverside County, Private)**

Santa Barbara Business College, Palm Desert, requested approval to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 22 students on January 5, 2009. The projected graduation date is March 11, 2010.

The Santa Barbara Business College's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 22 students on January 5, 2009, only, was approved. Also, the program curriculum was approved for 1600 hours, including 620 theory, and 980 clinical hours.

**15. Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Hyunmie Kim, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County; Private)**

The director of the Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a full-time class of 30 students on December 8, 2008, to replace students graduating on December 6, 2008.

The Shepherd University Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students to start on December 8, 2008, only, was approved.

**16. Soledad Adult School/Mission Trails ROP, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Initial Accreditation Survey Visit; and Request to Admit Students (Director: Rosemary Michels, Soledad, Monterey County, California; Adult School)**

The Soledad Adult School/Mission Trails ROP Vocational Nursing Program was surveyed on October 5-6, 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Two violations were noted. The program requested approval to replace students graduating on January 14, 2009, with a part-time class of 20 students to start February 10, 2009, with an anticipated graduation date of April 16, 2011.

Initial full accreditation for the Soledad Adult School/Mission Trails ROP, Vocational Nursing Program was approved for the four-year period December 8, 2008 through December 7, 2012, and a certificate was issued accordingly. Also, the program's request for a part-time class of 20 students, to replace graduating students, commencing February 10, 2009, only, with an anticipated graduation date of April 16, 2011, was approved.

**17. Stanton University (formerly College of Medical Arts, Lawndale) – Report of Initial Accreditation Survey Visit; Request to Admit Students; and Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions (Director: Adelwisa Blanco, Lawndale, Los Angeles, Private)**

Stanton University (formerly College of Medical Arts, Lawndale), Vocational Nursing Program was surveyed on October 21, 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Two violations were noted and were subsequently corrected. Additionally, the director requested admission of a full-time class of 45 students to

start on February 17, 2009, to replace students graduating on February 27, 2009, graduating on February 10, 2010. The director also requested admission of an additional full-time class of 45 students on December 15, 2008, graduating December 4, 2009, thereby increasing the program's frequency of admissions.

The initial full accreditation for the Stanton University (formerly College of Medical Arts, Lawndale), Vocational Nursing Program was approved for the period from December 8, 2008, through December 7, 2012, and a certificate was issued accordingly. Also, the program's requests to admit a full-time class of 45 students on February 17, 2009, only, to replace students graduating on February 27, 2009, and admit an additional full-time class, of 45 students on December 15, 2008, only, thereby increasing the program's frequency of admissions, were approved.

**Effective December 17, 2008:**

- 18. Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, (formerly Clarita Career College) Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Change Admission Date (Director: Nancylee Siwula, Canyon Country, Los Angeles County, Private)**  
[Follow up report to #5 above.]

Charter College, Canyon Country Campus, (formerly Clarita Career College) Vocational Nursing Program received approval from the BVNPT on December 8, 2008, to admit a class of 30 students commencing March 9, 2009, graduating May 22, 2010. The director now requests to change the admission date from March 9, 2008, to March 2, 2008. Consequently, the completion date will change from May 22, 2010, to May 8, 2010.

**Effective January 6, 2009:**

- 19. North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program- Request for Reconsideration to Increase Frequency of Admissions; and Increase Pattern of Admissions (Director: Adnan AlMouazzen, West Covina, Los Angeles County, Private)**

On December 10, 2008, a representative from the North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program requested a meeting with the Executive Officer to discuss the December 8, 2008, decision to deny a class admission on January 19, 2009. The Executive Officer's December 8, 2008, decision was to deny the program's requests to admit 30 students into a full-time class on January 19, 2009, and change the pattern of admissions to three (3) full-time classes per year, to replace graduating classes. The Executive Officer denied these requests based on data that shows the program's noncompliance with Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

The Executive Officer approved the North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time class on January



19, 2009, only. The projected graduation date is March 23, 2010. This January 19, 2009, class will not be used to amend the pattern of ongoing admissions.

**Effective January 14, 2009:**

**20. California Nurses Educational Institute, Inc. Psychiatric Technician Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Linda Hoffman, Cathedral City, Riverside County, Private)**

A Program Records Survey was completed by the California Nurses Educational Institute, Inc. Psychiatric Technician Program and submitted to the Board on December 19, 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Psychiatric Technician Rules and Regulations. One violation related to maintenance of the minimum pass rate was noted. The consultant requested that the director conduct an analysis of program elements in a effort to improve pass rates; however, pass rate data has not been verified by the Board and is unofficial at this time.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation for the California Nurses Educational Institute, Inc. Psychiatric Technician Program for a four-year period from February 4, 2009, through February 3, 2013, and directed that a certificate be issued accordingly.

**21. Concorde Career College, North Hollywood Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Class Size (Director: Cheri Allmond, North Hollywood, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The director of the Concorde Career College, North Hollywood. Vocational Nursing Program requests Board approval to increase class size from 30 students to 36 students into each of four classes per year. The program admits a class in January, April, July and September.

The Executive Officer approved the increase in class size from 30 to 36 students into each of the four Board-approved classes per year in January, April, July, and September.

**22. Cypress College Psychiatric Technician Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Jaime Ramos, Cypress, Orange County, Community College)**

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Cypress College Psychiatric Technician Program and submitted to the Board on December 12, 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Psychiatric Technician Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was identified related to maintenance of minimum pass rates. The pass rate data contained in the report is unofficial. It has not been verified by the Board; however, the consultant requested that the director perform a comprehensive program analysis to address the low

pass rates. The consultant will follow up with the director regarding the analysis and will closely monitor pass rate data.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation for the Cypress College Psychiatric Technician Program for a four-year period from February 4, 2009, through February 3, 2013 and directed that a certificate be issued accordingly. Also, a follow-up report will be presented at the September 11, 2009 Board meeting relative to the performance of Cypress College Psychiatric Technician Program graduates on the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination.

**23. Feather River College, Fall River Mills, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Pat Buckner, Fall River Mills, Sierra County, Community College)**

A Program Records Survey was completed by Feather River College, Fall River Mills, Vocational Nursing Program in October 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was noted related to faculty meetings and was corrected.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation of the Feather River College, Fall River Mills, Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 4, 2009 through February 3, 2013, and directed that a certificate be issued accordingly.

**24. Feather River College, Quincy, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Pat Buckner, Quincy, Plumas County, Community College)**

A Program Records Survey was completed by Feather River College, Quincy, Vocational Nursing Program in October 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation of the Feather River College, Quincy, Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 4, 2009 through February 3, 2013, and directed that a certificate be issued accordingly.

**25. Lompoc Unified Adult Education Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Wilhemina Burford, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, Adult School)**

The Lompoc Unified Adult Education Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a part-time class of 11 students commencing January 26, 2009 only. That class would complete program requirements May 15, 2010. The proposed class would **replace** students completing program requirements November 10, 2007.

The Executive Officer approved Lompoc Unified Adult Education Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a part-time class of 11 students January 26, 2009 only, to replace students completing program requirements November 10, 2007, with a projected graduation date of May 15, 2010.

**26. Nightingale School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Roseanne Packard, San Leandro, Alameda County, Private)**

A Program Records Survey was completed by Nightingale School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program in October 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation of the Nightingale School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 4, 2009 through February 3, 2013, and directed that a certificate be issued accordingly.

**27. San Joaquin Valley College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Ann Zelaski, Visalia, Tulare County, Private)**

A Program Records Survey was completed by the San Joaquin Valley College Vocational Nursing Program in December 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation for the San Joaquin Valley College Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from February 4, 2009 through February 3, 2013, and directed that a certificate be issued accordingly.

**28. Sierra College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Closure - (Director – Cheryl Kenner, Rocklin, Placer County, Community College)**

The administrator of the Sierra College Vocational Nursing Program notified the Board of closure of the vocational nursing program, effective October 10, 2008.

The Executive Officer directed staff to remove Sierra College Vocational Nursing Program from the Board's list of *Accredited Vocational Nursing Schools*.

**29. Sierra Pacific College – Request to Begin a Vocational Nursing Program**  
(Director: Bernadette Bautista, Redlands, San Bernardino County, Private)

Sierra Pacific College submitted a request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 24 students on January 19, 2009. The projected graduation date is February 5, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved Sierra Pacific College to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 24 students on January 19, 2009, only and approved the program curriculum for 1578 hours, including 596 theory, and 982 clinical hours.

**30. St. Jude Healthcare Education Center - Request to Begin a Vocational Nursing Program** (Director: Myrna Dial, Glendale, Glendale County, Private)

St. Jude Healthcare Education Center requests approval to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 30 students on January 19, 2009. The projected graduation date is February 15, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved St. Jude Healthcare Education Center's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 30 students on January 19, 2009, only, with a projected graduation date of February 15, 2010, and approved the program curriculum for 1,728 hours, including 744 theory and 984 clinical hours.

**31. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario – Request to Begin a Vocational Nursing Program** (Director: Karen Hall, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

West Coast Ultrasound Institute submitted a request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 20 students on January 19, 2009. The projected graduation date is January 21, 2010.

The Executive Officer approved West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 20 students on January 19, only, and approved the program curriculum for 1546 hours, including 588 theory, and 958 clinical hours.

**Effective January 29, 2009:**

**32. Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation** (Director: Catherine Ryan, Salinas, Monterey County – Community College)

A Program Records Survey was completed by Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Program in September 2008. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. Four (4) violations

noted related to reports, faculty qualifications, posting of required information and clinical experience. The violations were corrected

The Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation of the Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from February 4, 2009 through February 3, 2013, and directed that a certificate be issued accordingly.